

INFORMATION REPORT

CD NO.

25X1

DATE DISTR. 24 JUL 50

NO. OF PAGES 2

COUNTRY Yugoslavia

SUBJECT The 3 Marine Infantry Coastal Battalion

NO. OF ENCLS.
(LISTED BELOW)SUPPLEMENT TO
REPORT NO.~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ESPIONAGE ACT 50 U.S.C. 31 AND 32, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR THE REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS IN ANY MANNER TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. REPRODUCTION OF THIS FORM IS PROHIBITED.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

1. The 3 Marine Infantry Coastal Battalion, which has been stationed in the Nazario Sauro barracks in Pulj (Pola), is reportedly a unit of the Marine Infantry Coastal Regiment whose headquarters and 1 and 2 Battalions are located on the island of Brioni. The 3 Battalion was reportedly scheduled to be transferred to the island of Losinj.

2. The structure of the Marine Infantry Coastal Battalion is as follows:

- a. One battalion staff headquarters.
- b. One communications platoon.
- c. One chemical defense platoon.
- d. One anti-tank platoon.
- e. Two artillery companies.
- f. One machine gun company.
- g. One mortar company.
- h. One battalion service unit.

3. The structure, personnel and equipment of 3 Battalion is as follows:

- a. Headquarters: Commanding Officer - Captain Ciro Sevo.
Political Commissar - Captain Mirko Marjanovic.
Assistant Political Commissar - Captain Velimir Miskic.
Adjutant - A platoon leader.
Clerks - Two to three students who are completing their military service.

Headquarters is equipped with a motorcycle for the use of the battalion courier.

- b. The communications platoon consists of a platoon leader and 25 men. It is equipped with field telephones and a W/T set, with which contact is made with the regimental W/T set in Brioni.
- c. The chemical defense platoon consists of a platoon leader and three squads, each of approximately 10 to 12 men. It is equipped with Soviet gas masks and various other chemical defense equipment, largely of Soviet manufacture. The remaining units of the battalion are equipped with German gas masks.

CLASSIFICATION

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~~~SECRET~~/CONTROL - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY

STATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NAVY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NSRB		DISTRIBUTION														
ARMY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AIR		FBI																

No Change in Class. ☐☐ DeclassifiedClass. Changed To: TS S ⁶

Auth: HK 202

Date: 21 Jan 78

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

- 2 -

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

25X1A

- d. The anti-tank unit consists of a platoon leader and 12 to 15 men, divided into two sub-units, one of which is equipped with two anti-tank guns of British manufacture and the other with one unidentified anti-tank rocket weapon (sic).
- e. The two artillery companies are each composed of a second lieutenant, who is the commanding officer, and three platoons, the first and third being artillery platoons and the second a machine gun platoon. Each platoon is divided into three squads, the first and third being artillery squads and the second a machine gun squad. The company commanders, the platoon leaders, and the leaders of all squads are armed both with a pistol and a rifle. The weapons of the first and third squads are one sniper's rifle and eight 7.62 mm. rifles, Soviet model PPS. The weapons of the second are two 7.9 mm. machine guns of German Sarac model, and seven Mauser rifles.
- f. The machine gun company is composed of three platoons, each of which is made up of approximately 8 to 10 men. The company commander is Second Lieutenant Velimir Stojanic, 1 Platoon leader Borivoj Antic, 2 Platoon leader Miloje Simic. The 3 Platoon is led by various non-commissioned officers who arrive periodically for maneuvers. The composition of the squad is as follows:
- 1) Squad leader, who is armed with a rifle and pistol.
 - 2) A gunner, armed with a pistol, who carries the machine gun.
 - 3) An assistant gunner, armed with a rifle, who carries the machine gun tripod.
 - 4) An observer, armed with a rifle, carries field glasses.
 - 5) Two ammunition bearers, armed with rifles.
 - 6) A wagon driver and an assistant wagon driver, both armed with rifles.
 - 7) One horse.
 - 8) Two riflemen, armed with Soviet rifles.

Unless otherwise specified, all rifles are Mausers of Yugoslav manufacture.

- g. The mortar company is composed of three platoons, each made up of three squads. It is commanded by Standard-Bearer Ilijevski. Platoon leaders are students completing their military service. The squads are composed as follows:
- 1) Squad leader, armed with pistol and rifle.
 - 2) Gunner, armed with a pistol, carries the mortar tube.
 - 3) Second gunner, armed with a pistol, carries the bipod.
 - 4) Assistant gunner, armed with a pistol, carries the base plate.
 - 5) Two ammunition bearers, armed with rifles.
 - 6) An observer, armed with a rifle, carries field glasses.
 - 7) One soldier, armed with a rifle, who has charge of the horse which carries the mortar over long distance.

Each squad has one mortar of an unspecified Italian model, produced in Kragujevac, and designed to fire Soviet shells.

- h. The battalion service unit, composed of a platoon leader and 20 men is equipped with five horses and a small truck. The battalions stationed on the islands each have a small motorboat.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~SECRET~~/CONTROL - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY